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Whereas, Substance abuse is a pervasive problem within our society;

Whereas, Jail/prison has not proven effective in preventing relapse upon an offender's release;

Whereas, A comprehensive educational and treatment plan covering all elements of society from schools to the workplace to the criminal justice system might be developed to prevent and treat substance abuse;

Whereas, This comprehensive plan might be more effective than jail/prison to treat substance abuse and might save taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, Sending new offenders into treatment instead of jail and helping return them to society as job-ready taxpayers might reduce recidivism and increase public safety: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*



1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish an
2 interim study committee to examine whether a comprehensive set of
3 educational and therapeutic programs for the prevention and treatment
4 of substance abuse covering all ages of life and all stages of the
5 criminal justice system is socially and economically more effective
6 than jail/prison for some drug-related offenders.

7 SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate under
8 the direction of the legislative council, and that the committee shall
9 issue a final report when directed to do so by the council.

